ERNAKULAM TOWN—INSANITARY CONDITION OF

251. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

whether they are aware of the deplorable condition of the Ernakulam Town, in particular ;

(*a*) the roads have become so bad that no one can walk bare-footed ;

(*b*) the air is so full of mosquitoes that nobody is immune from their cruel attack ;

(*c*) water remains stagnant by the side of the roads and becomes filthy spreading a foul smell ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Some of the roads became bad by the time maintenance was started. Repairs are in progress now and the condition of the roads has improved.

(*b*) Yes. There is a general complaint about mosquito nuisance. Attempts are made to control the stegomyia variety of mosquitoes. The nuisance can be eradicated only gradually, as the marshy places are reclaimed.

(*c*) As far as possible, side drains are cut along with repairs to the roads.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)):* Now repairs to these roads are in progress. What they do is, some mud is thrown on the roads. My point is that repairs should be done in the proper way.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Sir, we cannot go into a discussion of details.

Mr. President: It is for the municipalities to see that the maintenance of roads is attended to.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* The Ernakulam Municipality is powerless and unless Government come to the rescue, they will not be in a position to do anything substantial. The Government have taken up the drainage scheme in Mattancheri and Ernakulam. They have requistioned the services of an expert for that. So, unless Government come to the rescue of this Municipality, they will not be able to do anything.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to instruct the fishery research officer to investigate whether the fishes which eat mosquito larvae can be breeded here ?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Orders have been issued and they are investigating.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is it the opinion of the Government that the capital of the State must be in a deplorable condition?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is for the municipality to undertake the necessary works.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Then, why was the Shanmukham Road taken up by the Government?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Is it your complaint that a part of the road is improved by the Government?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* My complaint is that if you go to the interior of the town the roads are not like the Shanmukham Road. They are very dirty and insanitary.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* You see the Mount Road in Madras and do you mean to say that all the roads are like Mount Road. The hon'ble member can bring this to the notice of the Council.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is it the opinion of the Government that where there is a Municipality, the Government has nothing to do with the sanitary condition of the town?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Is it the opinion of the House that the Government should contribute elaborately to the municipalities? This reminds me of the attitude taken by this House when a contribution was made to the Trichur Municipal Council. The correct position is, you should not contribute.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* With regard to the objection taken by some hon'ble members, I think, it is the correct position that because there is a municipality we have nothing to do with the improvement of the roads. However we have something to do with these institutions and therefore, the sanitary conditions should also be looked into by Government, even if there is a municipality.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* There are certain provisions in the Act under which the Government can take action. Otherwise, they should not interfere.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Even now, there is a complaint that the Government is interfering with these local bodies.

Mr. President: When the Municipal Bill was being discussed, every amendment tabled was to the effect that even the little power that the Government had should be taken away.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* There are certain powers vested in the Government for the control of the municipalities. In the exercise of that controlling power this House has also a part.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT—RECRUITMENT OF TRAINED TEACHERS

252. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have issued a Circular to the effect that trained teachers and permit-holders should be given preference in the matter of fresh recruitments to the educational service in the State;

(*b*) the number of persons appointed as teachers during 1113 and 1114 who are untrained and who do not hold any permit.—

(*i*) in the Government service;

(*ii*) in the Aided School service?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) No. Government have issued orders that in the case of all appointments to the post of teachers the possession of qualification in regard to training now prescribed should be regarded as a ground of preference as far as possible in appointing candidates within a community.

(*b*)		**1113**	**1114**
	(*i*)	100	86
	(*ii*)	136	124

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know whether in making these appintments in 1113 and 1114, there were any applicants from permit-holders and trained hands who could be preferred to these untrained men?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The position was fully explained by the Secretary to the Government, because it comes within the purview of the Staff Selection

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